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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 10319

E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ISRAELI COMPLIANCE WITH SC RESOLUTION 418

REF: (A) STATE 285191, (B) USUN 5200

1. MFA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL ANUG TOLD US DEC-
EMBER 7 THE ISRAELI MISSION TO THE UN HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO INFORM UNSYG WALDHEIM THAT "IN THE FORMULA-
TION OF ISRAELI POLICY, ISRAEL WILL BE GUIDED BY SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 418." DRAWING ON REFTEL A, WE
POINTED OUT THAT IN OUR VIEW THE TERMS OF THE EMBARGO
APPLY TO PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED CONTRACTS AS WELL AS NEW
SALES AND ASKED ABOUT THIS ASPECT OF ISRAELI POLICY.
ANUG SAID THAT THE STATEMENT TO WALDHEIM WOULD NOT IN-
CLUDE ANY INTERPRETATION OF THE QUESTION OF PREVIOUS CON-
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TRACTS AND ADDED THAT THIS POINT IS STILL UNDER STUDY
WITHIN THE GOI. I REPEATED THE POINT HE MADE
TO US ON EARLIER OCCASIONS THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND
TO VIOLATE THE SPIRIT OF RESOLUTION 418, BUT WOULD MAKE
NO FURTHER COMMITMENT.

2. WE WENT ON TO POINT OUT TO HIM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

PARA THREE OF REFTTEL A, THAT ANY EFFORT TO DELIVER ARMS
TO SOUTH AFRICA UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS WOULD BE WIDELY
VIEWED AS A VIOLATION OF THE RESOLUTION. WE ALSO TOLD HIM
THAT WE HAD MADE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO OTHER COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOUTH AFRICA,
INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, SOUTH KOREA AND PORTUGAL.
ANUG TOOK NOTE OF OUR POINTS AND AGREED TO RETURN TO A
DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT LATER.
LEWIS

UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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